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SRI P. B. K. RAJA CHIDAMBARAM:—"May I know whether the Government are satisfied that the number of training centres of the St. John Ambulance Association branches are enough to train all the drivers and conductors in the State?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The hon. Member is aware that in his own city of Tiruchirappalli there are plenty of opportunities. Similar opportunities are available in most centres and as and when these drivers and conductors come forward for training, they will be trained and issued the certificate."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"Does the Hon. Minister seriously think that the conductors and drivers will be having sufficient patience to go through this course after the day's hard and strenuous work without their being given sufficient time to study the course?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I would seriously suggest to the hon. Member to visit one such centre and attend a first aid lecture. Then he will see for himself how a number of conductors and drivers are coming forward with pleasure to learn this. I do not think there is any difficulty in this matter."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR:—"ஸார், முதல் சிகிச்சை சொல்லிக் கொடுக்கும்போது அதைத் தாய் மொழியில் சொல்லிக் கொடுக்கிறார்களா அல்லது ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொல்லிக் கொடுக்கிறார்களா ? ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொல்லிக்கொடுத்தால் அநேகம் டிரைவர்களும், கண்டக்டர்களும் தங்களுடைய வேலையை இழக்க நேரிடும் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் உணர்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir. It will be given in their own language or in English whichever they desire."

Questions 214 and 216—

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"Sir, there are two questions about women welfare. They are questions Nos. 214 and 216. As both relate to the same subject, we can take them up together."

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"There is a slight difference between these two. So I would like to answer them separately."

Women Welfare Centres.

*214 *Q.*—SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the total number of Women Welfare Centres in South Arcot district during 1951-52?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO:—"Six."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know what the nature of work of these Women Welfare Centres is and whether it is the opinion of the Government that women alone need welfare and not men? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Of course, men also have to be taken care of and I suppose they are already being taken care of by my friends like Mr. Balakrishnan. (Laughter.) As regards women, being backward, particularly in villages, they do require to be taken care of and I am sure this department is doing its best."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know which are these six centres? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" They are, Veeraperamanallur, Padur, Paithanthurai and the three slums attached to these three villages."

* SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" സർ, അധ:കൃതവർഗ്ഗത്തിൽപെട്ട സ്ത്രീകളുടെ രക്ഷക്കുവേണ്ടി ഈ centre റുകൾ എന്തെല്ലാം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട് ? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I am sorry I have not been able to understand the question which is put in Malayalam."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" May I know what type of work is done in these centres? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" They work for the amelioration and uplift of women. Particularly, some of the handcrafts like spinning, tailoring, embroidery and knitting are being taught to them. They are also taught how to keep hygienic condition in their particular areas, where they live."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Rural Welfare agree with me if I say that women employed in the Women Welfare Centres are more decorative than operative in the discharge of their duties? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" To be frank, I may tell the hon. Member that it is not my view. My own feeling is that they are very good people and are doing their very best."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Has the Hon. Minister visited any of these centres and may I know what type of observation he has made."

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Yes, during the course of my tour in some of the districts, I have seen some of these centres and I am convinced that they are doing their best under the circumstances."

DR. T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN :—" The Hon. Minister said that women are backward. (Laughter.) I would like to accept that statement provided we are given all the facilities that are given to backward classes. But constitutionally, we

are given nothing as backward classes. We are competing in everything as equals. Thus we suffer backwardness without any corresponding relief. I want to know if this is not contradictory."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Sir, I had really intended to intevene earlier and ask the hon. Members to remember that there were women Members in this House watching. I was anticipated and forestalled by the last Member who spoke." (Laughter.)

Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

* 215 *Q.*—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are two sets of Government Servants' Conduct Rules in actual practice to regulate the associations of the two sets of Government employees, one set for non-gazetted and one set for gazetted officers?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" There is only one set of Government Servants' Conduct Rules which apply to all Government servants (gazetted and non-gazetted) under the rule-making control of the State Government. The rules contained therein regulate all Service Associations."

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO:—" My question is, 'whether there are two sets of rules in *actual practice* to regulate the two sets of Government servants?'"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" There is no difference at all in actual practice and I have answered the question already with reference to the phrase 'in actual practice'. Probably, the hon. Member is confusing the position in another aspect which he is thinking of, viz., All-India Service officials. There is a slight difference between them and those under the rule-making powers of this Government."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI:—" Would the Government place a copy of the Government Servants Conduct Rules on the table of the House?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Sir, I wish to see whether it can be done, but let me again say that the persons interested have—each one of them—a copy of the Rules with them." (Laughter.)

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—" May I know when these Rules were framed and whether there is any proposal to revise the rules to suit the present conditions?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" Government is asked from time to time to consider some of the Rules and they do consider them. It is a growing set of Rules like the Board's Standing Orders and it is understood by the Government servant concerned."